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1. DEPT UNABLE TO SUPPORT EITHER EXPULSION OR SUSPENSION
OF SOUTH AFRICA FOR FOLLOWING REASONS: (1) EXPULSION OR
SUSPENSION OF SOUTH AFRICA WOULD TEND TO ENCOURAGE SIMILAR
ACTION AGAINST OTHER MEMBER STATES WHICH MIGHT AT ONE TIME
OR ANOTHER INCUR DISAPPROVAL OF UN MEMBERS. (2) EITHER
ACTION, BY REMOVING SOUTH AFRICA, DEROGATES FROM WORLDWIDE
CHARACTER OF UN. (3) SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT HAS MADE
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SOME COSMETIC CHANGES. NEW GEOPOLITICAL SITUATION IN

SOUTHERN AFRICA RESULTING FROM INSTALLATION OF FRELIMO GOVERNMENT IN MOZAMBIQUE AND EVENTUAL INDEPENDENCE OF ANGOLA WILL HAVE MAJOR IMPACT ON SOUTH AFRICA. US BELIEVES THAT UN CAN AND SHOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF NEW CIRCUMSTANCES TO PUT RENEWED PRESSURE ON SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT TO MAKE SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES IN ITS RACIAL POLICIES. (4) FOR UN TO HAVE INFLUENCE, SOUTH AFRICA SHOULD NOT BE EXPELLED OR EVEN SUSPENDED, AS IT IMPORTANT SOUTH AFRICA BE PRESENT IN UN IN ORDER TO FEEL FULL WEIGHT OF WORLD OPPROBRIUM AND IN ORDER TO LEAVE OPEN POSSIBILITY OF UN PLAYING ROLE IN NEGOTIATING CHANGE. MISSION SHOULD WORK TO DEFEAT EXPULSION OR SUSPENSION RESOLUTIONS BY ABSTENTIONS. MISSION SHOULD, OF COURSE, NOT SPECULATE WHETHER WE WOULD VETO EITHER EXPULSION OR SUSPENSION RESOLUTION.

2. WITH REGARD TO OTHER PROPOSALS OUTLINED IN REFTTEL, MISSION SHOULD TAKE NO INITIATIVE.

3. RE STUDY COMMITTEES AND OTHER FORMULAS NOT INVOLVING EXPULSION OR SUSPENSION, MISSION SHOULD INDICATE DEPT WILL GIVE THEM CAREFUL CONSIDERATION IF NOT ACCOMPANIED BY HARSH OR PREJUDICIAL (I.E., CHAPTER 7) LANGUAGE. FYI. WHILE WE MIGHT AT LATER STAGE IN SC PROCEEDINGS GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO PROPOSALS OF THIS KIND, DEPT BELIEVES BEST TACTIC NOW IS TO AVOID GIVING KIND OF FAVORABLE REACTION WHICH MIGHT LEAD SPONSORS TO CONCLUDE WE WOULD ACCEPT SUCH PROPOSALS. END FYI.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING MISSION'S VIEWS ON HOW SC MEMBERS, PARTICULARLY UK AND FRANCE, WOULD VOTE ON VARIOUS SUSPENSION FORMULAS SUGGESTED IN REFTTEL. KISSINGER

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